

Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Coalition
Meeting Minutes: November 3, 2009

Welcome and Introductions: Brian Alexander welcomed the group and roundtable introductions were made.

October 2009 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Agency Updates:

- *On Track:* Will be doing tax assistance beginning mid-January by appointment only for individuals under \$42,000 income.
- *HPRP funding beginning:* This rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention funding has begun. ABCCM, Eblen, and WNCAP are the three agencies giving out funds. For referral, contact #211 and they will direct individual to correct agency.
- *The VA and Housing Authority:* Had successful meeting to discuss and work to eliminate barriers to housing veterans through HUD-VASH.

Western North Carolina Community Health Services (WNCCHS) Presentation: Director of WNCCHS discussed their services and upcoming changes beginning January 4, 2010

- WNCCHS began in 1994, and is now a community health center which provides comprehensive primary care (PC).
- Average of 5,000 people served annually.
- On January 4th, 2010 WNCCHS will take over PC from the Health Department for adults and children, expecting to serve over 21,000 clients in 2010.
- WNCCHS will NOT be providing STD treatment, family planning services, childhood immunizations, and prenatal care (these will still be provided by the Health Department).
- #257 Biltmore will be the location for the new Biltmore Health Center (run by WNCCHS). At this location adults will be served with PC medical, mental health, dental, and pharmacy services. The current WNCCHS location will continue to provide these four services to adults with children and children, (new children's center will be called the Minnie Jones Family Health Center). The phone number will remain the same to contact either center.
- The dental clinic services are described as follows: walk-in basis for new patients each day. If patient is a child, elderly, or disabled, they can call for a dental appointment.

Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR): Brian Alexander announced on behalf of Amy Sawyer that the AHAR is occurring and it is very important for providers to put correct numbers into HMIS system as this data is reported to Congress re: the numbers of homeless and characteristics of population.

Mission/Vision: Large group divided into small groups to discuss mission, vision, and commitments. Will f/u at next meeting to discuss further.

Next Meeting: December at 12:30 p.m. at ??